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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN' PRESS BRIEFING FOR
SEPTEMBER 22, 1975:

Q. IN THE SECRETARY'S ADDRESS TODAY HE SPEAKS ABOUT THE
UNITED STATES BEING PREPARED TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR
A MORE INFORMAL, MULTILATERAL MEETING IN THE MIDDLE
EAST -- OR THE MIDDLE EAST NATIONS I ASSUME. HE DOESN'T
SPECIFY MIDDLE EAST NATIONS. HAVE WE, IN FACT, RECEIVED
SOME INFORMATION OR SOME SUGGESTIONS TO THIS EFFECT,
FROM SOMEBODY, OR IS IT OUR OWN PROPOSAL? WHAT IS THIS
ABOUT?

A. AGAIN, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.
THERE WAS A LONG BACKGROUNDER THIS MORNING, ON THE
ADDRESS.

Q. ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK

BY THE SECRETARY, WITH PERSONALITIES FROM THE MIDDLE
EAST?

A. I DO NOT KNOW OF ANY. HE IS IN NEW YORK FOR THREE
DAYS THIS WEEK. HE HAS BILATERALS SCHEDULED ON ALL OF
THESE THREE DAYS. I DO NOT KNOW OF ANY SUCH APPOINTMENTS
AT THE END OF THE WEEK, IN TERMS OF --

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Q. BOB, IN VIEW OF THE REPORTS FROM JORDAN THAT THE
AMMAN GOVERNMENT IS STILL NOT ACCEPTING CONDITIONS ON THE
HAWK SALE -- WOULD YOU STAND BY THE RESPONSE WE GOT
FRIDAY?

A. YES.

Q. THAT EVERYTHING IS CLEAR AND THE DEAL WILL GO ON?

A. NOTHING IS CHANGED SINCE FRIDAY.

Q. YOU MEAN THE HAWK DEAL WILL GO ON WITH JORDAN?
THEY HAVE ACCEPTED THE CONDITIONS?

A. WE ARE PROCEEDING ON THE BASIS OF PRESIDENT FORD'S
LETTERS TO THE CONGRESS.

Q. HAVE YOU INQUIRED OF JORDAN ABOUT THESE REPORTS?

A. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT EXCHANGES WE MAY HAVE HAD WITH
THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT ON THESE PRESS REPORTS, BUT
AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE AND
WE ARE PROCEEDING AS PLANNED.

Q. AS FAR AS YOU ARE CONCERNED, THEY ARE STILL BUYING--

STILL INTERESTED IN BUYING THESE EQUIPMENTS?

A. AS FAR AS I KNOW, YES.

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